

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE GOOGLE DIGITAL  
ADVERTISING ANTITRUST  
LITIGATION

*This Document Relates To:  
All Cases*

Civil Action No. 1:21-md-03010-PKC

**CONSENT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF A MODIFIED CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER**

PURSUANT TO RULE 26(c), Defendants, Google LLC, Alphabet Inc., and YouTube LLC, move for entry of a modified confidentiality order on the following grounds:

1. This antitrust action will include the discovery of confidential business information from the parties and non-parties.
2. The Court has previously entered a *Confidentiality Order* (ECF No. 297), which was intended to cover the handling, use, and disclosure of confidential information produced by the parties and non-parties during discovery.
3. Thereafter, non-party Comcast Corporation, for itself and with the support of other non-parties AT&T, Inc., Microsoft Corporation, Fox Corporation, and T-Mobile USA, Inc., requested that the parties modify the *Confidentiality Order* to address certain concerns with the procedures in the *Confidentiality Order* regarding the disclosure of confidential information produced by non-parties to in-house attorneys—that is, *Confidentiality Order* ¶¶ 14(d), 19, 20-22.
4. The parties and the non-parties identified above have agreed on a modified version of the *Confidentiality Order*, which addresses these concerns raised by these non-parties—*i.e.*, it deletes Paragraphs 20-22, and modifies Paragraphs 14(d) and 19, along with conforming edits.

5. Google now moves the Court to vacate the current *Confidentiality Order* and to enter the attached proposed *Modified Confidentiality Order* in its place (*nunc pro tunc* to May 11, 2022, the date when the *Confidentiality Order* was entered).

6. The Plaintiffs and the above-referenced non-parties consent to the relief sought in this motion.

WHEREFORE, Google requests that the Court vacate the current *Confidentiality Order* (ECF No. 297) and enter the attached proposed *Modified Confidentiality Order* (*nunc pro tunc* to May 11, 2022). Proposed orders are submitted herewith.

***The parties and the above-referenced non-parties do not seek oral argument on this motion.***

Dated: August 31, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on August 31, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by the CM/ECF system.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

<i>In re Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litig.</i>		Civil Action No. 21-MD-3010 (PKC)
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**MODIFIED CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER**

In the interests of: (i) ensuring efficient and prompt resolution of these Actions; (ii) discovery by the Parties litigating these Actions; and (iii) protecting certain information from improper disclosure or use, the Court enters the following Confidentiality Order. This Order supersedes all protective orders or confidentiality orders previously entered in any of the Actions, as defined below in Paragraph 1(a).<sup>1</sup>

The Court, upon good cause shown and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1), ORDERS as follows:

**A. Definitions**

1. As used herein:

(a) “Actions” means collectively the actions centralized by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation under the caption *In re Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litig.*, No. 21-MD-3010 (PKC) (S.D.N.Y.), as well as any additional actions subsequently transferred and/or

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<sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, the Agreed Protective Order between Google and the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, entered in Texas state court on February 20, 2020 (the “Texas OAG Order”), *Google v. Paxton*, No. D-1-GN-19-007654 (261st Dist. Ct., Travis County, Tex., Feb. 21, 2020), and the Confidentiality Agreement entered into In The Matter of The Multistate Investigation of Alphabet Inc., between Google and various states, including State Plaintiffs, dated February 20, 2020 (the “Multistate Confidentiality Agreement”) are superseded by this Order, as to any State Plaintiff. For all other states which are not State Plaintiffs, the Multistate Confidentiality Agreement remains in full force and effect.

centralized with these Actions, including any related discovery, pretrial, trial, post-trial, or appellate proceedings. The term Action means an individual action within the Actions. For the avoidance of doubt, “Actions” excludes pre-suit investigations by State Plaintiffs.

(b) “Confidential Information” or “Confidential” means information (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that constitute a trade secret or other non-public confidential financial, technical, research, sales, marketing, development, or commercial information and that have been so designated, or any Document, transcript, or other material containing such information that has not been published or otherwise made publicly available.<sup>2</sup> In addition, a Designating Party may designate as Confidential any information or items made publicly available in violation of a court order to keep such information confidential, that the Designating Party believes should receive Confidential treatment. Confidential Information includes (i) information copied or extracted, summarized or compiled from Confidential Information, and (ii) testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that reveal Confidential Information.

(c) “Competitive Decision-Making” means the action or process of making a business decision or resolving a non-legal question relating to a competitor, potential competitor, customer, or distribution partner regarding contracts, marketing, pricing, product, service development or design, product, or service offering, research and development, mergers and acquisitions, or licensing, acquisition, funding or enforcement of intellectual property. It does not include legal advice provided in connection with litigation, potential litigation, or regulatory

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<sup>2</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, the Receiving Party’s belief that material designated as Confidential does not meet this standard shall not deprive such material of the protections afforded to Confidential Information. Any challenge to a designation is subject to Paragraph 13.

matters, nor does it include work performed as part of a trial team or to keep management advised on the progress or status of litigation, potential litigation, or regulatory matters.

(d) “Defendant” means any party named as a defendant in any of the Actions, including their parents, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, partnerships and joint ventures, and all directors, officers, employees, agents (including counsel), and representatives of the foregoing.

(e) “Designated In-House Counsel” means up to four In-House Counsel designated by a Defendant or Plaintiff who may be authorized to access Highly Confidential Information pursuant to Paragraph 19 of this Order.

(f) “Disclosed” means shown, divulged, revealed, produced, described, transmitted or otherwise communicated, in whole or in part.

(g) “Document” means any document or electronically stored information, as the term is used in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a).

(h) “Highly Confidential Information” or “Highly Confidential,” as defined herein, shall only include information that, if disclosed publicly or to a Party, is likely to cause the Producing Party material and significant competitive or commercial harm, and that has been so designated.<sup>3</sup> Subject to the foregoing, Highly Confidential Information may include trade secrets, including algorithms and Source Code; non-public, commercially sensitive customer lists; non-public financial, marketing, or strategic business planning information; current or future non-public information regarding prices, costs, or margins; information relating to research, development testing of, or plans for existing or proposed future products; evaluation of the strengths and vulnerabilities of a Protected Person’s product offerings, including non-public

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<sup>3</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, the Receiving Party’s belief that material designated as Highly Confidential does not meet this standard shall not deprive such material of the protections afforded to Highly Confidential Information. Any challenge to a designation is subject to Paragraph 13.

pricing and cost information; confidential contractual terms, proposed contractual terms, or negotiating positions (including internal deliberations about negotiating positions); information relating to pending or abandoned patent applications that have not been made available to the public; personnel files; sensitive personally identifiable information; and communications that disclose any Highly Confidential Information. Highly Confidential Information includes (i) information copied or extracted, summarized or compiled from Highly Confidential Information, and (ii) testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that would reveal Highly Confidential Information. A Designating Party may designate as Highly Confidential any information or items made publicly available in violation of a court order to keep such information confidential, that the Designating Party believes should receive Highly Confidential treatment. In addition, if a Protected Person (i) has produced Investigation Materials or (ii) is required by subpoena or court order to produce information that would cause it material and significant competitive or commercial harm, but that information does not specifically fall into one of the categories of information listed in this paragraph, upon a compelling showing, it may seek a court order that such information is Highly Confidential. If a motion is made pursuant to this paragraph and is related to a subpoena or court order, it must be filed no later than the due date to respond to the subpoena or court order. If a Protected Person seeks additional protection pursuant to this paragraph from the Court, the materials for which additional protection has been sought will not be provided to other Persons, aside from outside counsel, until the Court has ruled.

(i) “In-House Counsel” means any lawyer employed by a Party as well as any paralegals, administrative assistants, and clerical and administrative personnel supervised by that lawyer and employed by that Party. In-House Counsel, however, does not include: 1) attorneys employed by the State Plaintiffs; or 2) Outside Counsel.



(j) “Investigation” means the pre-complaint inquiry by the State Plaintiffs into potential anticompetitive conduct by Defendant Google.

(k) “Investigation Materials” means non-privileged documents, testimony or other materials that: (i) any Non-Party provided to any Party, either voluntarily or under compulsory process, relating to the Investigation; (ii) constitute any communication between any Party and any Non-Party in connection with and during the Investigation; (iii) any Party provided to any Non-Party relating to the Investigation; and/or (iv) a Defendant, or affiliated person or entity, provided to a State Plaintiff relating to the Investigation. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investigation Materials are governed by the terms of this Order. To the extent that any Investigation Materials are clawed back for any reason, the procedures set forth at Paragraph 12 of this Order shall apply and, as to State Plaintiffs, such procedures will supersede any other applicable claw back procedures governing the Investigation Materials including those set forth in the Texas OAG Order and the Multistate Confidentiality Agreement.

(l) “Litigation Materials” means non-privileged documents, testimony, or other materials that: (i) any Non-Party provides to any Party, either voluntarily or under compulsory process, in connection with and during the pendency of any of the Actions; (ii) constitute any communication between any Party and any Non-Party in connection with and during the pendency of any of the Actions; (iii) a Defendant provides to any Plaintiff in connection with and during the pendency of any of the Actions; and/or (iv) any Plaintiff provides to any Defendant in connection with and during the pendency of any of the Actions.

(m) “Non-Party” means any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party in any Action.

(n) “Outside Counsel” means the attorneys employed by outside law firms who are retained to represent or advise a Party in any of the Actions, as well as any paralegals, administrative assistants, and clerical and administrative personnel supervised by those lawyers and employed by those Outside Counsel. To the extent any Outside Counsel has not filed an appearance in any of the Actions (“Non-Appearing Law Firm”), a Party shall notify the other Parties of the name of the Non-Appearing Law Firm at least seven days before any attorneys of the Non-Appearing Law Firm obtain access to any Investigation Materials and/or Litigation Materials. Attorneys of the Non-Appearing Law Firm who are given access to Investigation Material and/or Litigation Material, shall first complete and execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto.

(o) “Party” means any Plaintiff or Defendant in these Actions. “Parties” collectively means Plaintiffs and Defendants in the Actions.

(p) “Plaintiffs” means the Plaintiffs in each of the Actions, including all of their employees, agents, and representatives.

(q) “Person” means any natural person, corporate entity, business entity, partnership, association, joint venture, governmental entity, or trust.

(r) “Producing Party” shall mean a Party who produced or produces Investigation Material, Litigation Material, or Source Code.

(s) “Protected Person” means any Person (including a Party or a Non-Party) that either voluntarily or under compulsory process, has provided or provides: (i) Investigation Materials, or (ii) Litigation Materials.

(t) “Receiving Party” shall mean a Party who received or receives Investigation Material, Litigation Material, or Source Code.

(u) “Source Code” means extremely sensitive information or items representing computer code and associated comments and revision histories, formulas, engineering specifications, or schematics that define or otherwise describe in detail the algorithms or structure of software or hardware designs, disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means. To the extent production of Source Code becomes necessary in this case, a Party who produces Source Code may designate it as “Highly Confidential – Source Code.” The protocols for Google’s production of Source Code, and the review of such Source Code, appear in Appendix B to this Order.

(v) “State Plaintiffs” means the States of Texas, Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Utah, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Puerto Rico, and any other state that joins an Action.

(w) “State Plaintiffs’ Counsel” shall mean attorneys who work within the Attorney General’s office of a State Plaintiff.

**B. Designation of Highly Confidential Information and Confidential Information**

2. Within five business days of the Court’s entry of this Order, each Party shall send by email, facsimile, or overnight delivery a copy of this Order to any Non-Party Protected Person (or, if represented by counsel, the Non-Party Protected Person’s counsel) that provided Investigation Materials to that Party.

3. **Designation of Investigation Materials as Confidential or Highly Confidential by Protected Persons.** To the extent a Protected Person has already designated Investigation Materials as Confidential or Highly Confidential, including under the protective order entered in

*Texas v. Google, LLC*, No. 4:20-cv-957-SDJ (E.D. Tex.), Dkt. 101, those materials shall retain those existing designations, subject to any later challenge by a Party. To the extent that Investigation Materials are reproduced in the Actions, all protections afforded to Litigation Materials pursuant to this Order shall apply.

4. Investigation Materials that have not been designated as Highly Confidential shall be treated as Confidential Information for purposes of this Order pursuant to the Antitrust Civil Process Act, or any other federal or state statute or regulation, or under any federal or state court precedent interpreting such statute or regulation, as well as any information that discloses the substance of the contents of any Confidential Information derived from a document subject to this Order, and any information taken from any portion of such material.

5. The identity of a Non-Party submitting such Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information shall also be treated as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information for the purposes of this Order where the submitter has requested such confidential treatment.

6. Any production of documents or testimony not designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential Information will not be deemed a waiver of any future claim of confidentiality concerning such information if it is subsequently designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential Information. If at any time before trial of these Actions, a Protected Person realizes that it should have designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential Information any Investigation Materials, Litigation Materials, or Source Code that Person previously produced, it may so designate such Documents, testimony, or other materials by notifying the Parties in writing, and, to the extent the new designations relate to Documents, an overlay file with the new designations shall also be provided in accordance with Paragraph 7(g). The Parties shall thereafter

treat the Investigation Materials, Litigation Materials, or Source Code pursuant to the Protected Person's new designation under the terms of this Order. However, the disclosure of any information for which disclosure was proper when made will not be deemed improper regardless of any such subsequent confidentiality designation.

7. **Designation of Litigation Materials as Highly Confidential or Confidential by Protected Persons.** The following procedures govern the process for Protected Persons to designate as Highly Confidential or Confidential any information that they disclose in these Actions, including, but not limited to, information in response to requests under Fed. R. Civ. P. 30, 31, 33, 36, and 45, and Documents disclosed in response to Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d), 34(b)(2) and (c), or 45:

(a) Indiscriminate designations are prohibited.

(b) **Testimony.** All transcripts of depositions taken in these Actions after entry of this Order will be treated as Highly Confidential Information in their entirety for 45 days after the date of the deposition, or until 5 days before trial, whichever date is earlier. Parties will be responsible for obtaining the deposition transcript for any Party<sup>4</sup> deponents. For Non-Party deponents, if requested by the Non-Party deponent, the Party who noticed the deposition shall, within 5 business days of being provided a final transcript (subject to any errata) of the deposition (or as soon as reasonably possible after the request is made), provide the final transcript (subject to any errata) to the Non-Party deponent (or the Non-Party deponent's counsel, if applicable). Within 45 days following the date of the deposition, the deponent, whether a Non-Party or a Party, may designate, subject to the provisions of this Order, Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information any portion of the deposition transcript, by page(s) and line(s), and any

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<sup>4</sup> For purposes of this provision, the term "Party" includes 30(b)(6) witnesses, and a Party's employees and former employees.

deposition exhibits provided by the deponent or the deponent's employer or its affiliates, or containing the Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information of the deponent or the deponent's employer or its affiliates (regardless of who provided or produced the Document). To be effective, such designations must be provided in writing to the Parties. All transcripts of depositions taken in these Actions after entry of this Order will be treated as Highly Confidential Information in their entirety until the deadline for the deponent to designate portions of the transcript as Highly Confidential Information has expired. Further, to the extent that a Party's Highly Confidential or Confidential Documents were utilized in the deposition, that Producing Party also has 45 days following the date of the deposition to designate any portion of the deposition testimony as Highly Confidential or Confidential to the extent the deposition testimony discloses or relates to Highly Confidential or Confidential Documents used at the deposition. To be effective, such designations must be provided in writing to the Parties' counsel.

When a Party is entitled under this Order to question a deponent about a Document or information that has been designated by a Non-Party as Highly Confidential or Confidential, and such Non-Party is not in attendance at the deposition, the Party that asked such questions shall designate as Highly Confidential or Confidential the portion of the transcript relating to such Highly Confidential or Confidential Document or information.

(c) **Documents.** A Protected Person who designates as Highly Confidential Information any Document that it produced in these Actions must stamp or otherwise mark each Document containing said information with the designation "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" in a manner that will not interfere with legibility, including page numbering, or audibility unless such Document is produced in native electronic format. A Protected Person who designates as Confidential Information any Document that it produced in this Action must stamp or otherwise

mark each Document containing said information with the designation “CONFIDENTIAL” in a manner that will not interfere with legibility, including page numbering, or audibility. Any Document that contains Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information may be so designated in its entirety. To the extent a Document is produced in native form, such Documents shall be produced in accordance with Paragraph 7(d) below.

(d) **Electronic Documents and Data.** Where a Protected Person produces Confidential or Highly Confidential electronic files and Documents in native electronic format, such electronic files and Documents shall be designated by the Protected Person for protection under this Order by appending to the file names or designators’ information indicating whether the file contains Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information, or by any other reasonable method for appropriately designating such information produced in electronic format, including by including a slip sheet associated with the electronic file or by making such designations in reasonably accessible metadata associated with the files. Where Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information is produced in electronic format on a disk or other medium that contains exclusively confidential information, the “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL” designation may be placed on the disk or other medium. When electronic files or Documents in native form are printed for use at a deposition, in a court proceeding, or for provision in printed form to any person who may receive such files in accordance with this Order, the Party printing the electronic files or Documents shall include the slip sheet identifying the electronic file or Document as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL” along with the production number or Bates number and designation associated with the native file, or shall affix a legend to the printed Document saying “HIGHLY

CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL” and include the production number or Bates number and designation associated with the native file.

(e) **Upward Designation of Litigation Materials Produced by Other Parties or Non-Parties.** A Protected Person may upward designate (*i.e.*, change any Litigation Materials produced without a designation to a designation of “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” or designate any Litigation Materials produced as “Confidential” to a designation of “Highly Confidential”) any Litigation Materials produced by another Protected Person, provided that said Litigation Materials contains the upward designating Protected Person’s own Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.

(f) Upward designation shall be accomplished by providing written notice to the Parties and the relevant disclosing Protected Person identifying the Litigation Materials to be re-designated within 120 days from the date of the production containing the materials the Protected Person seeks to upwardly designate, or 30 days prior to trial in an Action, whichever is earlier. Such notice must identify (by Bates number, or in the event there is no Bates number, by other individually identifiable information) each Document the Protected Person wishes to upward designate, and include an explanation as to why the Protected Person wishes to upward designate such Documents, and why the existing confidentiality designation is insufficient. The Protected Person shall also provide an overlay file reflecting the new designations in accordance with Paragraph 7(g). Failure to upward designate within 120 days, alone, will not prevent a Protected Person from obtaining the agreement of the disclosing Protected Person to upward designate certain Litigation Materials or from moving the Court for such relief. Any Party may object to the upward designation of Litigation Materials pursuant to the procedures set forth in Paragraph 13 regarding challenging designations.



(g) **Overlay Files.** To the extent this Order requires a Protected Person to provide an overlay file in connection with a new or altered confidentiality designation, that Protected Person shall have five business days from the date of the changed designation to produce an overlay file. In the interim, the Parties shall take care to treat the Documents at issue as if the new designation applies. For the avoidance of doubt, a Party does not violate this provision where it in good faith attempts to comply with the new designation.

8. In the event that a Party is required by a valid discovery request in any of the Actions to produce Documents designated by a Non-Party or Party as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information, then the Party shall:

(a) promptly notify in writing the Party seeking the Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality order;

(b) promptly notify the Non-Party or Party that its Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information is being requested and make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party or Party; and

(c) promptly provide the Non-Party or Party with a copy of this Order, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested.

9. If the Non-Party or Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this Court within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Non-Party or Party's Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information responsive to the discovery request may be produced. If the Non-Party or Party timely seeks a protective order, its Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information shall not be produced before a determination by the

Court.<sup>5</sup> Absent an order to the contrary, the Non-Party or Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this Court of its Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information. The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party or Party in the Actions and designated as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information. Such information produced by Non-Parties or Parties in connection with these Actions is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party or Party from seeking additional protections.

**10. Unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code.**

(a) In the event of a disclosure of any Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code to any person(s) not authorized to receive such disclosure under this Order, the Party who discovers such unauthorized disclosure shall promptly notify the Protected Person whose material has been disclosed and provide to such Protected Person all known relevant information concerning the nature and circumstances of the disclosure. If it is readily discernible which Party is responsible for the disclosure, the disclosing Party shall also promptly take all reasonable measures to retrieve the improperly disclosed material and to ensure that no further unauthorized disclosure and/or use thereof is made; (b) inform the Person(s) to whom unauthorized disclosure was made of all the terms of this Order; and (c) request such Person(s) execute the Agreement Concerning Confidentiality in the form of Appendix A attached hereto. If it is not readily discernible which Party is responsible for the disclosure, the Parties shall work together to: (a) promptly take all reasonable measures to retrieve the improperly disclosed material and to ensure that no further unauthorized disclosure and/or use thereof is made;

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<sup>5</sup> The purpose of this provision is to alert the interested parties to the existence of confidentiality rights of a Non-Party and to afford the Non-Party an opportunity to protect its confidentiality interests in this Court.

(b) inform the Person(s) to whom unauthorized disclosure was made of all the terms of this Order, and (c) request such Person(s) execute the Agreement Concerning Confidentiality in the form of Appendix A attached hereto.

11. Unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure shall not change the confidential status of any disclosed material or waive the Producing Party's right to maintain the disclosed material as containing Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code.

**C. Privileged Investigation Materials and Litigation Materials**

12. (a) The production of privileged or work-product protected Documents, electronically stored information (“ESI”) or information, whether inadvertent or otherwise, is not a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). Federal Rule of Evidence 502(b) shall not apply to any disputes regarding Investigation Material or Litigation Material.

(b) Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a Party's right to conduct a review of Documents, ESI or information (including metadata) for relevance, responsiveness and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production.

(c) If the Producing Party becomes aware that it has produced information protected by the attorney-client privilege or any other privilege or immunity, the Producing Party will promptly notify each Receiving Party in writing of the production and the basis of the privilege being asserted. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester,<sup>6</sup> or destroy the specified information and any copies or summaries it has; must not use or disclose the information

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<sup>6</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the rights of the Privilege Committee described in this paragraph, sequestration prohibits the Party in possession from further review of the material once a claim of privilege is made.

until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information to the court under seal for a determination of the claim in camera. However, if the Party has already reviewed the information prior to being notified, four total attorneys<sup>7</sup> for Plaintiffs (the “Plaintiffs’ Privilege Committee”) or two attorneys for each Defendant (the “Defendants’ Privilege Committees” and, together with the Plaintiffs’ Privilege Committee, the “Privilege Committees”) may review the document for the sole purpose of determining whether to challenge the privilege claim, but they may not quote or attach the information, or disclose the substance of the information, when making the challenge or otherwise use or discuss the information contained therein except in a submission made to the Court in Chambers with a proposed order sealing the submission.<sup>8</sup> Any such challenge must be made promptly. The Producing Party must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(d) If a Receiving Party becomes aware that it is in receipt of information or material that it knows or reasonably should know is privileged, counsel for the Receiving Party shall immediately take steps to: (i) stop reading such information or material; (ii) notify counsel for the Producing Party of such information or material; (iii) collect all copies of such information and material; and (iv) return to the Producing Party and/or destroy such information or material (and, in the case of destruction, certify that fact to the Producing Party if requested to do so). Any

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<sup>7</sup> In addition to the four total attorneys, and any individuals with administrative authority over the document database in which the information resides, shall also be permitted to access the information solely for purposes of processing the clawback and assisting in any challenge of the privilege claim.

<sup>8</sup> The four-member Plaintiffs’ Privilege Committee shall be composed of one lawyer designated by the State Plaintiffs, the publisher class action, the advertiser class actions, and, collectively, the individual actions. Within 30 days after the entry of this Order, the Parties shall notify each other of the members of the Privilege Committees. The Parties must also provide notice of any changes to the Privilege Committees along with the reason for such change.

notes or summaries referring or relating to such material shall be destroyed simultaneously therewith.

(e) This Order is without prejudice to any Protected Person’s right to assert that any Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials are subject to any applicable claim of privilege or protection, including, but not limited to, the attorney-client privilege and the work-product doctrine, and it is without prejudice to any Party’s right to contest such a claim of privilege or protection.

#### **D. Objections to Confidentiality Designations**

13. Any Party who objects to any confidentiality designation, or part thereof, (the “Objecting Party”) may, until 30 days before the trial of its Action, provide a written notice to the Protected Person who made such designation (the “Designating Party”) and to all Parties stating with particularity the grounds for the objection. All materials objected to shall continue to be treated as Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code pending resolution of the dispute. Within 10 days of the Objecting Party’s written notice, the Objecting Party and the Designating Party shall attempt to confer to discuss their respective positions. If the Objecting Party and Designating Party cannot reach an agreement on the objection within 10 days of the Objecting Party’s written notice (or another deadline agreed to by the Objecting Party and the Designating Party), the Objecting Party may raise the dispute to this Court by filing a letter motion and/or motion in accordance with the applicable rules and/or the Court’s Individual Practices. If the Court finds the designation of Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code to have been inappropriate, the challenged designation shall be considered rescinded, and the Designating Party shall reproduce the Documents with the revised designations, along with an overlay file in

accordance with Paragraph 7(g). Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Order, the Parties reserve their rights under Fed. R. Civ. P. 37.

**E. Disclosure of Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information**

14. Highly Confidential Information may be disclosed only to the following Persons:

(a) the Court and all Persons assisting the Court in the Actions, including law clerks, court reporters, and stenographic or clerical personnel;

(b) Outside Counsel for a Party, including any attorneys, paralegals, and other professional personnel (including support and IT staff) that such outside counsel assigns to the Actions whose functions require access to the information (but not any employee of a Party);

(c) State Plaintiffs' Counsel and paralegals, and other professional personnel (including support and IT staff) that such State Plaintiff's Counsel assign to the Actions whose functions require access to the information;

(d) Designated In-House Counsel of a Party, if, prior to July 19, 2023, such counsel was properly designated pursuant to the procedures set forth in Paragraph 20 of the Confidentiality Order, Dkt. 297, entered May 1, 2022.

(e) outside vendors or service providers (such as copy-service providers, outside court reporters retained for depositions, document-management consultants, or lawyers or law firms for document review other than Outside Counsel) and agents or independent contractors retained by a Party to assist that Party in an Action provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

(f) any mediator, arbitrator, or special master that the Parties engage in this Action or that this Court appoints provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning

Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

(g) any Person who the Highly Confidential Information itself indicates, or who the Receiving Party has a good-faith basis to believe, was the author, addressee, recipient, custodian, or source of the Document or Highly Confidential Information.

(h) any Person who the Highly Confidential Information itself indicates, or who the Receiving Party has a good-faith basis to believe, had lawful access to the Document or the Highly Confidential Information;

(i) during a deposition, any Person who the Highly Confidential Information itself indicates, or who the Receiving Party has a good-faith basis to believe, had knowledge of the Highly Confidential Information;

(j) during a deposition, any current employee of the Designating Party;

(k) any Person retained by a Party to serve as a testifying or consulting expert in these Actions,<sup>9</sup> including any employees of the firm with which the expert or consultant is associated and independent contractors who assist the expert's work in the Actions, provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

(l) outside trial consultants (including, but not limited to, graphics consultants), provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

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<sup>9</sup> This provision does not apply to any Person retained by a Party to serve as a testifying or consulting expert, where such person is also an employee of a Party.

(m) Any Person as may be authorized by written agreement of the Designating Party, verbal agreement of the Designating Party on the record at a deposition or Court hearing, or by order of the Court.

15. Confidential Information may be disclosed only to the following Persons:

(a) the Court and all Persons assisting the Court in the Actions, including law clerks, court reporters, and stenographic or clerical personnel;

(b) Outside Counsel for a Party, including any attorneys, paralegals, and other professional personnel (including support and IT staff) that such outside counsel assigns to the Actions whose functions require access to the information (but not any employee of the Party)

(c) State Plaintiffs' Counsel and paralegals, and other professional personnel (including support and IT staff) that such State Plaintiff's Counsel assign to the Actions whose functions require access to the information;

(d) the officers, directors, and employees (including In-House Counsel) of a Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

(e) outside vendors or service providers (such as copy-service providers, outside court reporters retained for depositions, document-management consultants, or lawyers or law firms for document review other than Outside Counsel) and agents or independent contractors retained by a Party to assist that Party in the Actions provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;



(f) any mediator, arbitrator, or special master that the Parties engage in the Actions or that this Court appoints provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

(g) any Persons who the Confidential Information itself indicates, or who the Receiving Party has a good-faith basis to believe, was the author, addressee, recipient, custodian, or source of the Document or Confidential Information;

(h) any Persons who the Confidential Information itself indicates, or who the Receiving Party has a good faith basis to believe had lawful access to the Document or Confidential Information;

(i) during a deposition, any Persons who the Confidential Information itself indicates, or who the Receiving Party has a good-faith basis to believe, had knowledge of the Confidential Information;

(j) any Person whose statements or communications are quoted, recounted, or summarized in said Party's Documents or Confidential Information, except that only those portions of the Documents or Confidential Information quoting, recounting, or summarizing a Person's statements or communications may be disclosed to that Person;

(k) during a deposition, any current employee of the Designating Party

(l) outside trial consultants (including, but not limited to, graphics consultants) provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

(m) any Person retained by a Party to serve as a testifying or consulting expert in these Actions,<sup>10</sup> including any employees of the firm with which the expert or consultant is associated and independent contractors who assist the expert's work in the Actions, provided that they shall first execute an Agreement Concerning Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto;

(n) any Person as may be authorized by written agreement of the Designating Party, verbal agreement of the Designating Party on the record at a deposition or Court hearing, or by order of the Court.

16. The Parties shall have the right to seek redress from this Court to enforce the provisions of the Agreement Concerning Confidentiality set forth in Appendix A with respect to any Person bound by this Confidentiality Order.

17. Each Person described in Paragraphs 14 and 15 of this Order to whom information designated as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information is disclosed must not disclose that Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information to any other Person, except as permitted in this Order.

18. Nothing in this Order:

(a) limits a Protected Person's use or disclosure of its own information designated as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information;

(b) prevents disclosure of Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information with the consent of the Protected Person that designated the material as Confidential or Highly Confidential;

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<sup>10</sup> This provision does not apply to any Person retained by a Party to serve as a testifying or consulting expert, where such Person is also an employee of a Party.

(c) prevents disclosure by a Party of Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information: (i) that is or has become publicly known through no fault of that Party; (ii) lawfully acquired by or known to that Party independent of receipt during the Investigation or in discovery in the Actions; (iii) previously produced, disclosed and/or provided to that Party without an obligation of confidentiality and not by inadvertence or mistake; or (iv) pursuant to an order of a court or as may be required by regulation;

(d) prevents counsel from rendering advice to his or her client with respect to this matter or from generally referring to or relying upon Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information in rendering such advice so long as counsel does not specifically disclose the substance of the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information; or

(e) prevents State Plaintiffs' retention, use, or disclosure of Investigation Materials outside the context of the Actions to the extent permitted by applicable law or regulation governing such pre-complaint discovery, or for law enforcement purposes, or as required by law, court order, or regulation. Any such disclosures shall be limited to those permitted by applicable law or regulation. State Plaintiffs will not disclose any Litigation Materials produced only during the pendency of the Actions to any Non-Party, except as ordered by a court or as may be required by regulation and subject to Paragraph 27. If Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials are requested for disclosure under a state's public information act or the equivalent, this Order prohibits disclosure to the extent the state's public information act or the equivalent provides an exception for disclosure of information protected by court order.

**F. Disclosure of Highly Confidential Information to Designated In-House Counsel for Parties Based on Need**

19. A Party may at any time before the trial of its Action request disclosure of Highly Confidential Information to Designated In-House Counsel, not covered under Paragraph 14(d), by

consent of the Designating Party or motion with the Court. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed to in writing by the Designating Party, a Party seeking to disclose Highly Confidential Information to Designated In-House Counsel must submit in writing to the other Parties and the Designating Person a written statement that: (1) describes with particularity the Highly Confidential Information the Party seeks to disclose to Designated In-House Counsel; (2) sets forth the full name of each Designated In-House Counsel and the city and state of his or her residence, and (3) describes each Designated In-House Counsel's primary job duties and responsibilities in sufficient detail to determine if each Designated In-House Counsel is involved in Competitive Decision-Making. The Party must meet and confer with the Designating Party to try to resolve the matter by agreement within seven days of the written notice. If no agreement is reached, the Party may file a motion with the Court. The other Parties and/or the Designating Party will have seven days to respond to such motion. The Party will not disclose any Highly Confidential Information to the Designated In-House Counsel pending resolution of the dispute. If the Court finds that the Designated In-House Counsel has a particularized need for access to the Highly Confidential Information that outweighs the risk of harm to the Designating Party or the public interest, the Party will be permitted to disclose the Highly Confidential Information to the Designated In-House Counsel.

**G. Use of Information Designated Highly Confidential or Confidential in this Action**

20. In the event that any Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information is contained in any pleading, motion, exhibit, or other paper filed or to be filed with the Court, the Court shall be so informed by the Party filing such papers, and such papers shall be filed under seal, in accordance with the Court's Individual Practice 5(B), as modified by the terms of this Order. The Parties agree to act in good faith to limit the need to seal Documents filed in this Court.

21. **Filing Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information Under Seal.** Notwithstanding any other provision, no document may be filed with the Clerk under seal without a further Order of this Court addressing the specific documents or portions of documents to be sealed. Any application to seal shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits and a memorandum of law, demonstrating that the standards for sealing have been met and specifically addressing the applicability of *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 119-120 (2d Cir. 2006) and any other controlling authority. Unless otherwise ordered, a Party seeking to file another Party or Non-Party's Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information shall so advise the other Party or Non-Party seven business days in advance specifying the precise portion of the information the Party seeks to use, the general purpose thereof and any redactions to which the Party does not object. Within five business days thereafter, the Party or Non-Party whose Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information is sought to be used may make an application to seal, indicating the portion or portions of the information it seeks to have sealed. If a Party's deadline or need to file a pleading that contains Highly Confidential or Confidential Information is short such that complying with this paragraph's requirements would be unduly burdensome, the Parties agree to discuss in good faith a reasonable extension of these deadlines subject to the Court's approval. Nothing herein is intended to alter or modify the applicability of Rule 5.2, Fed. R. Civ. P., to this case. The redactions expressly authorized by Rule 5.2 may be made without further application to the Court.

22. Parties shall give the other Parties notice (a minimum of two business days) if they reasonably expect a deposition, hearing, or other proceeding to include Highly Confidential Information so that the other parties can ensure that only authorized individuals are present during the portions of those proceedings where the Highly Confidential Information may be used. The

use of a Document as an exhibit at a deposition shall not in any way affect its designation as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information.

#### **H. Use of Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information at Trial**

23. Disclosure at trial or at any evidentiary hearing of any Document, testimony, or other material designated as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information will be governed pursuant to a separate court order. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer and submit a recommended order outlining those procedures no later than 30 calendar days before the first day of trial or any evidentiary hearing. Upon the filing of a proposed order governing the disclosure of Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information at trial or any evidentiary hearing, the Parties shall provide notice of such order to Non-Parties whose Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information is expected to be used at trial or any evidentiary hearing.

24. Unless otherwise provided for in this Order, all Highly Confidential Information and Confidential Information produced by a Party or a Non-Party in any of the Actions shall be used solely for the conduct of these Actions and shall not be used by a Party, Non-Party, or any Person subject to this Order, including counsel for a Party or Non-Party, for any business, commercial, competitive, personal, or other purpose. Such Highly Confidential and Confidential Information may only be disclosed under the conditions described in this Order.

#### **I. Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials Subpoenaed or Ordered Produced in Other Litigation**

25. If a Party is served with a lawful subpoena or a court order issued by a court, arbitral, administrative, or legislative body, or with a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in any of the Actions as Confidential or Highly Confidential that Party must:

(a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party (such notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order);

(b) promptly notify in writing the Person or entity who issued the subpoena or caused the order to issue in the other litigation, that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Order (such notification shall include a copy of this Order); and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Highly Confidential or Confidential Information may be affected.<sup>11</sup>

26. If the Designating Party timely<sup>12</sup> seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in these Actions as Confidential or Highly Confidential before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in these Actions to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

27. If, under any public records or other relevant law, any Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials are subject to any form of compulsory process in a Plaintiff State or is demanded from a Plaintiff State, such Plaintiff State shall notify in writing the Designating Party

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<sup>11</sup> The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of this Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its confidentiality interests in the court or other tribunal from which the subpoena or order issued.

<sup>12</sup> The Designating Party shall have at least 14 days from the service of the notification pursuant to Paragraph 25(a) to seek a protective order, unless the subpoena or order requires a response within a period shorter than 14 days, or unless a shorter period applies under the rules of the court or other tribunal from which the subpoena or order issued, in which case such rules shall apply.

whose Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials may be affected within 10 business days of receiving the process or demand and before producing Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials, unless state statute, or court order or other public adjudicatory body requires that the Plaintiff State produce the Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials in a shorter time frame. The State shall not produce the Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials in response to such compulsory process or public records request unless the Plaintiff State deems that it is required by law to do so and provides 10 business days' notice of its intent to do so to the Designating Party, unless state statute, or court order or other public adjudicatory body requires that the Plaintiff State produce the Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials in a shorter time frame. However, if a Plaintiff State denies a public records or similar request and the denial is not challenged, the Plaintiff State does not need to provide notice pursuant to this paragraph. If Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials are requested for disclosure under a state's public information act or the equivalent, this Order prohibits disclosure to the extent the state's public information act or the equivalent provides an exception for disclosure of information protected by court order. Nothing contained herein shall alter or limit the obligations of a Plaintiff State that may be imposed by statute or court order regarding the disclosure of Documents and information supplied to the state.

**J. Procedures upon Termination of this Action**

28. The obligations imposed by this Order survive the termination of the Actions unless the Court, which shall retain jurisdiction to resolve any disputes arising out of this Order, orders otherwise. Within 90 days after the expiration of the time for appeal of an order, judgment, or decree terminating an Action, all Persons, other than State Plaintiffs, in such Action having received information designated as Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code must return all copies thereof to the Protected Person (or the Protected Person's counsel if represented by counsel) that produced it or destroy or delete all



copies of such Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code and certify that fact in writing to the Party or Protected Person. Within 90 days after the expiration of the time for appeal of an order, judgment, or decree terminating an Action, all State Plaintiffs in such Action having received information designated as Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code must, to the extent permitted by State Plaintiffs' retention schedules, either make a good-faith effort to return all copies thereof to the Protected Person (or the Protected Person's counsel if represented by counsel) that produced it or destroy or delete all copies of such Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code.

29. Counsel for the Parties will be entitled to retain court papers and exhibits, deposition transcripts and exhibits, hearing transcripts and exhibits, trial transcripts and exhibits, correspondence (including internal correspondence and email) and work product, provided that the Parties and their counsel do not disclose the portions of these materials containing information designated as Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information to any Person, except pursuant to court order or agreement with the Protected Person that produced the Highly Confidential Information or Confidential Information or as otherwise permitted herein. All Highly Confidential Information and Confidential Information returned to the Parties or their counsel by the Court likewise must be disposed of in accordance with this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph, however, restricts the rights of the Parties under Paragraphs 14 and 15 of this Order.

#### **K. New Parties to The Actions**

30. In the event that additional Persons or entities become parties to an Action, such new Parties shall not have access to Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code produced by or obtained from any Protected Person until an authorized person executes, on behalf of the new Party, an Agreement Concerning

Confidentiality agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto.

**L. Non-Parties**

31. Any Party, in conducting discovery from Non-Parties in connection with the Actions, shall provide any Non-Party from which it seeks discovery with a copy of this Order so as to inform each such Non-Party of his, her or its rights herein. If a Non-Party provides discovery to any Party in connection with the Actions, the provisions of this Order shall apply to such discovery as if such discovery were being provided by a Party. Under such circumstances, if the Non-Party agrees to be bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Order in the form of Appendix A attached hereto, the Non-Party shall have the same rights and obligations under the Order as held by the Parties, except that, other than with leave of court, in no circumstance may a Party's Highly Confidential Information be disclosed to a Non-Party without the consent of that Party. However, a Party's Highly Confidential Information may be shared with a former employee of that Party if the former employee may view the Highly Confidential Information pursuant to Paragraph 14.

**M. Reservation of Rights**

32. Nothing contained in this Order or any designation of confidentiality hereunder, or any failure to make such designation, shall be used or characterized by any Party as an admission by a Party or a Party opponent. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed an admission that any particular information designated as Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code is entitled to protection under the Order, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), or any other law. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as granting any Person a right to receive specific Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code where a court has entered an order precluding that Person

from obtaining access to that information. The Parties specifically reserve the right to challenge the designation of any particular information as Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code and agree that no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to introduction or use as evidence of any of the Investigation Materials or Litigation Materials covered by this Order.

**N. Standard of Care**

33. The recipient of any Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code shall maintain such material in a secure and safe area and shall exercise a standard of due and proper care with respect to the storage, custody, use, and/or dissemination sufficient to safeguard against unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of such material. Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential — Source Code shall not be copied, reproduced, extracted or abstracted, except for the purpose of the conduct of an Action. All such copies, reproductions, extractions, and abstractions shall be subject to the terms of this Order and be clearly marked to reflect their designation.

**O. Right to Seek Modification**

34. Nothing in this Order limits any Person, including members of the public, a Party, or a Protected Person, from seeking: (1) further or additional protections of any of its materials, or (2) modification of this Order upon motion duly made pursuant to the Rules of this Court, including, without limitation, an order that certain material not be produced at all or is not admissible evidence in any Action or any other proceeding.

**P. The Privacy Act**

35. Any order of this Court requiring the production of any Document, information, or transcript of testimony constitutes a court order within the meaning of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(11).

**Q. Persons Bound by This Order**

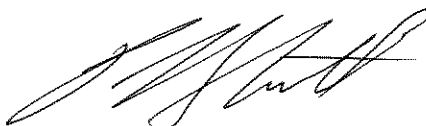
36. This Order shall be binding on the Parties to the Actions, their attorneys, and their successors, personal representatives, administrators, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, employees, agents, retained consultants and experts, and any persons or organizations over which they have direct control, and any Non-Party, to the extent such Non-Party has agreed to be bound by this Order.

37. All persons subject to this Order are reminded that this Order may be enforced by the Court's full powers of criminal and civil contempt.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Dated: New York, New York**

*Jan 17*, 2024



P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge

38. This Order is entered *nunc pro tunc*  
to May 11, 2022  
39. Motion (ECF 611) is terminated as having  
been GRANTED.

**APPENDIX A**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litig.	Civil Action No. 21-MD-3010 (PKC)
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**AGREEMENT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am employed by \_\_\_\_\_  
as \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby certify that:

1. I have read the Confidentiality Order (“Confidentiality Order”) entered in the above-captioned action (this “Action”) and understand its terms.

2. I agree to be bound by the terms of the Confidentiality Order entered in this Action. I agree to use the information provided to me only as permitted in this Confidentiality Order.

3. I understand that my failure to abide by the terms of the Confidentiality Order entered in this Action may subject me to civil and criminal penalties for contempt of court.

4. I submit to the jurisdiction of this Court, and specifically the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, solely for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the

Confidentiality Order entered in the above-captioned action and freely and knowingly waive any right I may otherwise have to object to the jurisdiction of said court.

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Signature

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Date

## APPENDIX B

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

<i>In re Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litig.</i>	Civil Action No. 21-MD-3010 (PKC)
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### **[PROPOSED] CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER: SOURCE CODE PROTOCOL**

#### **A. Restrictions on those who may view Source Code.**

1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated Highly Confidential - Source Code only to:

a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation and who have signed the “Agreement Concerning Confidentiality” that is attached to the Protective Order as Appendix A;

b) up to three Experts (for the avoidance of doubt, the Parties can agree to allow such disclosure to more than three Experts of the Receiving Party) of the Receiving Party (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, (2) who have signed the “Agreement Concerning Confidentiality” (Appendix A), and (3) as to whom the procedures set forth in Paragraph 2 below and specifically identified as eligible to access Highly Confidential – Source Code Information or Items, have been followed;

c) the Court and its personnel;

d) stenographic reporters, videographers and their respective staff who have signed the “Agreement Concerning Confidentiality” (Appendix A) and are transcribing or videotaping a deposition wherein Highly Confidential – Source Code Information or Items are being discussed, provided that such reporters and videographers shall not retain or be given copies of any portions of the source code, which if used during a deposition, will not be attached as an exhibit to the transcript but instead shall be identified only by its production numbers.

e) while testifying at deposition or trial in this action only: (i) any current officer, director, or employee of the Producing Party or original source of the information; (ii) any person designated by the Producing Party to provide testimony pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and/or (iii) any person who authored, previously received (other than in connection with this litigation), or was directly involved in creating, modifying, or editing the Highly Confidential - Source Code Information or Items, as evident from its face or reasonably certain in view of other testimony or evidence. Persons authorized to view Highly Confidential - Source Code Information or Items pursuant to this sub-paragraph shall not retain or be given copies of the Highly Confidential - Source Code Information or Items except while so testifying.

**B. Process for Requesting to Disclose Source Code**

2. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed to in writing by the Designating Party, a Party that seeks to disclose to an Expert (as defined in this Order) any information or item that has been designated Highly Confidential - Source Code pursuant to paragraphs 1(b) first must make a written request to the Designating Party that (1) identifies the general categories of Highly Confidential - Source Code information that the Receiving Party seeks permission to disclose to the Expert, (2) sets forth the full name of the Expert and the city and



state of his or her primary residence, (3) attaches a copy of the Expert's current resume, (4) identifies the Expert's current employer(s), (5) identifies each person or entity from whom the Expert has received compensation or funding for work in his or her areas of expertise or to whom the expert has provided professional services, including in connection with a litigation, at any time during the preceding five years, and (6) identifies (by name and number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation in connection with which the Expert has offered expert testimony, including through a declaration, report, or testimony at a deposition or trial, during the preceding five years.

3. A Party that makes a request and provides the information specified in the preceding respective paragraphs may disclose the subject Highly Confidential - Source Code to the identified Expert unless, within 14 days of delivering the request, the Party receives a written objection from the Designating Party. Any such objection must set forth in detail the grounds on which it is based.

4. A Party that receives a timely written objection must meet and confer with the Designating Party (through direct voice to voice dialogue) to try to resolve the matter by agreement within seven days of the written objection. If no agreement is reached, the Party seeking to make the disclosure to the Expert may file a motion in accordance with Local Rules and Individual Practices seeking permission from the court to do so. Any such motion must describe the circumstances with specificity, set forth in detail the reasons why the disclosure to the Expert is reasonably necessary, assess the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail, and suggest any additional means that could be used to reduce that risk. In addition, any such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration describing the parties' efforts to resolve the matter by agreement (i.e., the extent and the content of the meet and confer discussions) and

setting forth the reasons advanced by the Designating Party for its refusal to approve the disclosure.

5. In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to the Expert shall bear the burden of proving that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail (under the safeguards proposed) outweighs the Receiving Party's need to disclose the Protected Material to its Expert.

**C. Restrictions on those who may see Source Code (Patent and Acquisition Bars)**

6. Absent written consent from the Producing Party, any individual who receives access to information designated Highly Confidential - Source Code by the Producing Party shall not be involved in the prosecution of patents or patent applications relating to the subject matter of this action, including without limitation the patents related to the subject matter of this action and any patent or application claiming priority to the patents related to the subject matter of this action, before any foreign or domestic agency, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("the Patent Office"). For purposes of this paragraph, "prosecution" means directly or indirectly drafting, amending, or advising others as to the drafting or amending of patent claims. To avoid any doubt, "prosecution" as used in this paragraph does not include representing a party challenging or defending a patent before a domestic or foreign agency (including, but not limited to, a reissue protest, *ex parte* reexamination, *inter partes* reexamination, *inter partes* review, post grant review or covered business method review). This Prosecution Bar shall begin when access to Source Code information is first received by the affected individual and shall end two (2) years after final termination of this action.

7. Absent written consent from the Producing Party, any individual who receives access to information designated Highly Confidential – Source Code by the Producing Party shall not (i) participate in the acquisition of patents or patent applications relating to the subject

matter of this action for the purposes of assertion against Google LLC; or (ii) advise or counsel clients regarding the same. This Acquisition Bar shall not prohibit counsel from advising clients on other legal matters involving patents, including validity and settlement negotiations. This Acquisition Bar shall begin when access to Source Code information is first received by the affected individual and shall end two (2) years after final termination of this action.

**D. Process for Reviewing Source Code**

8. To the extent production of source code becomes necessary in this case, a Producing Party may designate material as Highly Confidential – Source Code if it comprises, includes, or substantially discloses confidential, proprietary or trade secret source code or algorithms. This material may include, among things, technical design documentation that comprises, includes, or substantially discloses source code or algorithms.

9. Protected Material designated as Highly Confidential – Source Code shall be subject to all of the protections herein including the Prosecution Bar set forth in Paragraph 6 and the Acquisition Bar set forth in Paragraph 7, and may be disclosed only as set forth in Paragraph 1.

10. Any source code produced in discovery shall only be made available for inspection, not produced except as set forth below, in a format allowing it to be reasonably reviewed and searched, during normal business hours or at other mutually agreeable times, at (1) an office of the Producing Party or the Producing Party’s primary outside counsel of record or (2) another mutually agreed upon location. The source code shall be made available for inspection on a secured computer (the “Source Code Computer”) in a secured, locked room without Internet access or network access to other computers, and the Receiving Party shall not copy, remove, or otherwise transfer any portion of the source code onto any recordable media or

recordable device. The Producing Party will make a good faith effort to provide legitimate review tools to the Source Code Computer as requested by the Receiving Party. The Receiving Party shall provide a license to the requested review tools should the Producing Party not already have one. The secured computer shall have disk encryption and be password protected. Use or possession of any input/output device (e.g., USB memory stick, mobile phone or tablet, camera or any camera-enabled device, CD, floppy disk, portable hard drive, laptop, or any device that can access the Internet or any other network or external system, etc.) is prohibited while accessing the computer containing the source code. All persons entering the locked room containing the source code must agree to submit to reasonable security measures to ensure they are not carrying any prohibited items before they will be given access to the locked room. The computer containing source code will be made available for inspection during regular business hours (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. local time), upon reasonable notice to the producing party, which shall not be less than 3 business days in advance of the requested inspection. The Producing Party may visually monitor the activities of the Receiving Party's representatives during any source code review, but only to ensure that there is no unauthorized recording, copying, or transmission of the source code.

11. The Receiving Party may request paper copies of limited portions of source code, but only if and to the extent reasonably necessary for the preparation of court filings, pleadings, expert reports, or other papers, or for deposition or trial and except to the extent allowed in Paragraph 16. The Receiving Party shall not request paper copies for the purposes of reviewing the source code other than electronically as set forth in Paragraph 10 in the first instance. The Producing Party shall undertake to produce the requested material as soon as possible after it is requested, but in no event more than 5 business days after the request, and the Producing Party

will provide the requested material on watermark or colored paper (which shall not prevent the creation of legible copies made only as authorized herein) bearing Bates numbers and the legend Highly Confidential – Source Code unless objected to as discussed below. At the inspecting Party’s request or the request of an Expert retained by the inspecting Party to whom disclosure of material designated Highly Confidential – Source Code is permitted, additional sets (or subsets) of printed source code may be requested and provided by the Producing Party within 5 business days of the request. The Producing Party may challenge the amount of source code requested in hard copy form pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure and timeframes set forth in Paragraph 13 of the Protective Order, whereby the Producing Party is the “Challenging Party” and the Receiving Party is the “Designating Party” for purposes of dispute resolution. Contested printouts do not need to be produced to the Receiving Party until the matter is resolved by the Court.

12. The Receiving Party shall maintain a record of any individual who has inspected any portion of the source code in electronic or paper form. The Receiving Party shall maintain all printed portions of the source code in a secured, locked area under the direct control of counsel (or outside experts or consultants who have been approved to access source code) responsible for maintaining the security and confidentiality of the designated materials. Any paper copies designated Highly Confidential – Source Code shall be stored or viewed only at (i) the offices or working locations of outside counsel for the Receiving Party, (ii) the offices or working locations of outside experts or consultants who have been approved to access source code; (iii) the site where any deposition is taken (iv) the Court; or (v) any intermediate location necessary to transport the information to a hearing, trial or deposition. Except as provided in Paragraph 16 of this Appendix, the Receiving Party shall not create any electronic or other images of the paper

copies and shall not convert any of the information contained in the paper copies into any electronic format. Any printed pages of source code, and any other documents or things reflecting source code that have been designated by the producing party as Highly Confidential – Source Code may not be copied, digitally imaged or otherwise duplicated, except the Receiving Party may make additional paper copies if such additional copies are necessary to prepare court filings, pleadings, or other papers (including a testifying expert’s expert report) or necessary for deposition, or as provided below in Paragraph 16. Any paper copies used during a deposition shall be retrieved by the Receiving Party at the end of each day and must not be given to or left with a court reporter or any other unauthorized individual.

13. The Receiving Party’s outside counsel and/or expert shall be entitled to take notes relating to the source code but may not copy any portion of the source code into the notes. No copies of all or any portion of the source code may leave the room in which the source code is inspected except as otherwise provided herein. Further, no other written or electronic record of the source code is permitted except as otherwise provided herein.

14. A list of names of persons who will view the source code will be provided to the producing party in conjunction with any written (including email) notice requesting inspection. The Producing Party shall maintain a daily log of the names of persons who enter the locked room to view the source code and when they enter and depart. The Receiving Party shall be entitled to a copy of the log.

15. The Receiving Party’s outside counsel shall maintain a log of all copies of the source code in its possession or in the possession of its retained consultants. The log shall include the names of the recipients and reviewers of copies and locations where the copies are stored. Upon request by the Producing Party, the Receiving Party shall provide reasonable

assurances and/or descriptions of the security measures employed by the Receiving Party and/or person that receives a copy of any portion of the source code. The Producing Party shall be entitled to a copy of the log.

16. Except as provided in this paragraph, the Receiving Party may not create electronic images, or any other images, of the source code from the paper copy for use on a computer (e.g., may not scan the source code to a PDF, or photograph the code). The Receiving Party may create an electronic copy or image of limited excerpts of source code only to the extent necessary in a pleading, exhibit, expert report, discovery document, deposition transcript, other Court document, or any drafts of these documents (“Source Code Documents”). The Receiving Party shall only include such excerpts as are reasonably necessary for the purposes for which such part of the Source Code is used. Images or copies of Source Code shall not be included in correspondence between the parties (references to production numbers shall be used instead) and shall be omitted from pleadings and other papers except to the extent permitted herein. The Receiving Party may create an electronic image of a selected portion of the Source Code only when the electronic file containing such image has been encrypted using commercially reasonable encryption software including password protection. The communication and/or disclosure of electronic files containing any portion of source code shall at all times be limited to individuals who are authorized to see source code under the provisions of this Protective Order. Additionally, all electronic copies must be labeled Highly Confidential – Source Code.

17. To the extent portions of source code are quoted in a Source Code Document, either (1) the entire document will be stamped and treated as Highly Confidential – Source Code

or (2) those pages containing quoted Source Code will be separately bound, and stamped and treated as Highly Confidential – Source Code.